

New Library Needs Go Ahead

Once again, Heber City and Wasatch County are going the rounds concerning the construction of a new library.

It has been considered time and time again, but then there is always the stipulation of money. We realize that the city and county operate separately, have separate budgets, and separate concerns. But somethings we feel, need to be agreed upon.

The Wasatch County Library serves both county and city. Wouldn't it be in the best interest to get together and agree upon the proposed construction site, or building space.

If both sides could come to an easy agreement, then there would be a better library to serve the public.

Of all the services that enrich the lives of the population a library has to be at the top of the list.

The proposed library library would be built on the ground to the south and west of the county courthouse building.

The library will not become a reality unless both the city and the county make a commitment to pursue this project together and set aside any differences they might have.

All the plans have been set out, the tools are there. Let's make a new library in Wasatch County a reality.

Ordinance Approved; Property Sale in Question

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HEBER CITY, March 28 City Fathers, after some discussion with concerned citizens, moved to adopt several advertised changes to the sign ordinances for Heber City. Previous meetings gave business operators an opportunity to explain their situations so they came to talk with ordinances they were not aware of or were not in conformity with. The Planning Commission, attempting to solve immediate problems as well as long range problems suggested for adoption seven changes that would accommodate most non-compliance signs. The changes did not satisfy everyone, but would give relief to many, settled an unstable condition, and left the door open for further consideration.

Another item that caused the City Council some concern and gave it a chance to clarify its position on the sale of city property to the county was a proposed real estate sales option.

In previous meetings it was held by the city that the land behind the County Courthouse would be sold to the County if it were used for construction of a library.

The county's option contract was re-written in part, with changes that placed no long-term restrictions on the use of the proposed building, that simplified the wording and eliminated conditions of default on a timely construction of the library. The main thrust of the option is that the county obtain a grant and/or pass a bond to secure the property and build. If either of those tactics fail, the option will not be exercised.

It was a concern of the council that the bond issue be clear in the minds of citizens; that the property was to be sold for a county library, but that the proposed building could serve other purposes as well. As reported earlier, "The basement will be for additional office space and storage."

Mayor Furner was authorized to sign the adjusted contract without its being returned to council. It was to be reviewed by John

Chidester, and presented to the mayor and county commissioners.

An approval was given to contract with Robert McKnight and Murray Webb for water meter readings for the 1984 season. Those individuals will read meters on their own time. That will allow them more on-job-time for the city. It is planned that readings will be done beginning the second week of each month starting in April.

It was moved that the city not sell any of its materials to private individuals other than through established practices. The city is not in the selling business, it explained.

Bids were opened for two trucks. It was moved that bids to be accepted must be in by advertised deadlines. The Dodge dumptruck was released for a bid of \$2,070, but the Chevrolet was kept, because it was valued higher than the bids offered.

A request for payment by Horrock Engineers was granted. Fari Board requests for blocking

off streets leading to and in front of the area used by the carnival on the west side of the city, for use of the same area for the flea market, and for use of the tabernacle for the talent show were tentatively approved.

Mike Sargeant asked about the possibility of improvement of an access road by the airport. He will work with councilman Bates, who is charged with that area.

Karl Merryweather asked the council to consider the plight of heavy users of water. The council will consider this again as Keith Jacobson makes recommendations about water and sewer rates for businesses that have so many variables in consumption, both summer and winter.

Also considered in brief were: a flood control will levy; snow plowing recommendations to citizens; water allotments for the coming season; excavation permits for utility companies; sanitation costs and fees; and business license approvals.